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His grandfather was Harvey Adkins who lived at East Lynn, W. Va. and who owned the first Grist Mill in Wayne County—the present town of East Lynn was then Adkin's Mill. His great grandfather was Edward Adkins who lived on Beech Fork, Wayne County and his great great grandfather was Sheridan Adkins who lived in Lincoln County for whom Sheridan District in Lincoln County was named.



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FOREWORD

This brochure is the first to be written in this form in the tri-state area. Its issuance is intended to inform the Adkinses of their earliest ancestors, from as near the beginning of their existence as is possible to get, and to record information concerning the first Adkinses who crossed the mountains to settle in this region.

All the material used in this brochure has been gathered from time to time from members of the Adkins clan. No doubt much of the information is not absolutely authentic. Questionnaires were sent out to as many of the Adkinses as was thought necessary to get as much information as possible. The writer is indebted to the people who did comply. It is with this information and the authentic material used from the Media Research Bureau, Washington, D. C., that this compilation has been made possible.

In 1953, Minis C. Adkins called together a group of Adkinses to meet with him to formulate plans for an Adkins Reunion. From this group the Planning Committee was formed. It consists of the following:

Minis Adkins, Chairman
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Charles A. Adkins, Treasurer
Orlando Adkins
Ezra Adkins
Hiram Adkins
Herman Adkins
Golden Adkins

Since that time two reunions have been held at the Huntington Police Recreation Farm, which is located about fifteen miles out of the city limits in Wayne County.

It was through the enthusiastic interest shown at the reunions that an inspiration to compile a geneology of the Adkinses in this area was born. The friendship shown there, renewed acquaintances, the friendly atmosphere, and the genuine good citizenship portrayed there was enough to cause any Adkins to be proud of his name. So it is with this inspiration and pride in the name of Adkins that this brochure is written.

THE NAME AND FAMILY OF ADKINS

Compiled by The Media Research Bureau
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The name of Adkins or Atkins is said to have been derived from the nickname Addy, for Adam. It is found on the ancient records in the various forms of Adekyn, Adkyn, Atkyne, Atkin, Adkyne, Adkyns, Atkyns, Atkines, Adkin, Atkin, Atken, Atkens, Aitkens, Adkins, Atkins, and others, of which the last two forms mentioned are those most generally accepted in America today. Several of the others are also frequently used.

Among the earliest records of the name in England were those of Adekin le Fullere of London in 1273, Geoffrey Adekyn of County of Norfolk before 1376, and William Adekyn of Somersetshire about 1327. There were also branches to be found at early dates in the counties of York, Gloucester, Hertford, Monmouth, Kent, Stafford, Surrey, and London, as well as in County Cork, Ireland, and they were, for the most part, of the landed gentry and yeomanry of Great Britain.

The Monmouthshire family is said to have been descended from Thomas Atkins, who was living in the latter fourteenth century and was probably the ancestor of David Atkyns of Gloucestershire, who was the father of Thomas, Richard, William, and Alice, of whom the first married Margaret Cooke and was the father by her of, among others, a son named Richard, who was Chief Justice of South Wales in the latter sixteenth century and was the father by his wife Eleanor Marsh of Sir Edward, Richard, and Thomas, as well as probably of Francis and others, of whom the first son, Sir Edward, had issue by his wife Ursula Dacres of Sir Robert, Sir Edward, and several daughters.

One Sir Jonathan Atkins was living in Yorkshire about 1460 and is said to have married Mary Howard, by whom it is probable that he had a son Sir Jonathan, who married Elizabeth Baker and had still another Sir Jonathan, as well as other children. It is said that one of the younger branches of this line went into County Cork, Ireland, about 1640 in the person of Richard Atkins or Adkins, who was the father of Charles, William, John, Samuel, Thomas, Richard, Robert and others.

In the early sixteenth century one James Atkins or Adkins of County Norfolk is said to have been the father of John, who had issue by his wife Margaret Deane of Stephen, who

had issue by his wife Bridget Haw of George, Edward, Richard, William and Ann.

The Surrey line was represented in the latter half of the sixteenth century by Henry Atkins who married Mary Pigott and had a son Sir Henry, who resided in London and was the father by his wife Annabella Hawkins of, among others, a son named Richard, who married Rebecca Wright and was the father of Sir Richard, Henry, and six daughters.

It is not definitely known from which of the many illustrious lines of the family in Great Britain the first emigrants of the name to America were descended, but it is generally believed that all of the Atkineses and Adkineses were of extremely ancient origin and, in many cases, of common ancestry at a remote period.

Possibly the first of the name in America was Henry Atkins, who came from England to Plymouth, Mass., about 1639 and was married in 1647 to Elizabeth Wells, by whom he had issue of Mary, Samuel (died young), Isaac, (died in infancy), another Isaac, and possibly Mercy. In 1664 he married as his second wife Bethia Linnell of Eastham, Mass., and he had further issue by her of Desire, John (died young), Nathaniel, Joseph, Thomas, another John, and another Samuel.

Sometime before 1650 one Josiah Atkins or Adkins settled at Middletown, Conn. His children by his wife Elizabeth Whitmore or Wetmore are said to have been Sarah, Abigail, Solomon, Josiah, Benjamin, Ephriam, and Elizabeth, and he also had at least three others by a previous marriage—Thomas, Samuel and Elizabeth.

One Thomas Atkins or Adkins, brother of the emigrant Josiah, is said to have settled at Hartford, Conn., at an early date, and to have had seven children, Mary, Thomas, William, Jane, Sarah, Josiah, and Benoni. It is also possible that this emigrant had a brother named Gabriel living near him, but this is not certain.

Others of the name who came to America in this seventeenth century but left few records of their families and descendants, were William and Christopher Atkins of Virginia in 1635; Silvester Atkins of Charles City County, Va., in 1637; Richard Adkins of Virginia in 1642; Abraham Atkins of Boston, Mass., in 1642; Anthony Atkins of Virginia in 1643;

Thomas Adkins of James City County, Va., in 1643; Henry and Alice Adkins of Yorke County, Va., in 1651; Marmaduke Atkins of Northumberland County, Va., in 1653; George and Jonathan Atkins of Cloucester County, Va., in 1654; Robert Adkins or Atkins of Northampton County, Va., in 1654; Thomas Atkins of Boston, Mass., about 1672, who was probably the father of Thomas, Richard, and several daughters; Matthew Atkins of Boston about 1673; James Atkins of Roxbury, Mass., about 1675, who had a son named James; and Tobias Atkins of Boston, who probably had two children, Eliphal and Ann.

About the beginning of the eighteenth century one Joseph Atkins (son of Andrew Atkins of Kent County, England, who was the son of Andrew Adkins, who was the son of Thomas Atkins) came from England to Newburyport, Mass. By his first wife, a Miss Strover, he is said to have had two sons, Joseph and William; and by his second wife, Mary Ludley, he had at least one other son named Dudley.

As early as 1738, if not before, one Francis Atkins came from London, England, to Virginia and settled near Harper's Ferry. He had at least one son named Francis, who settled in South Carolina, and probably had others as well.

The descendants of these and possibly of later branches of the family in America have spread to practically every state of the Union and have aided as much in the growth of the country as their ancestors aided in the founding of the nation. They have been noted for their energy, industry, integrity, piety, perseverance, resourcefulness, initiative, mental and physical strength, loyalty and courage.

Among those of the name who fought in the War of the Revolution were James Atkins of North Carolina; Joseph, Samuel, and William Adkins of Massachusetts; Alexander, John, Benjamin, Charles, Cornelius, David, Edward, Thomas, Henry, Isaiah, Joseph, Moses, Nathaniel, Obadiah, Primus, Robert, Shubael, Uriah, and William Atkins of Massachusetts; and numerous others from the various other New England and southern colonies.

Thomas, Richard, John, Edward, Jonathan, Samuel, Joseph, Nathaniel, William, Robert, James, and Henry are some of the Christian names most highly favored by the family for its male members.

One of the most ancient and frequently recurrent of the numerous coats-of-arms of the

English family of Atkins or Adkins is that described as follows:

ARMS—"Argent, a cross of half fleurs-de-lis between four mullets sable, pierced of the field."

CREST — "A nag's head erased sable, bridled argent."

MOTTO—"By the sword" or "Honor et Virtus."

(Arms, taken from
Burke's "General Armory", 1884)

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EARLY ADKINSES OF BEECH FORK AND TRI-STATE AREA

Information Obtained From Hiram Adkins,
84 Years Old

Parker Adkins, the ancestor of the Adkinses in this section, came to Giles County, Virginia from Surrey County, England. He had five sons, Berry, Hezekiah, Millington, Ison and Champ, all of whom served in the Revolutionary War, and later moved to this part of West Virginia.

Berry was the first to come across the mountains. He settled in Union District, Wayne County, about 1796 on Beech Fork near Winslow.

Hezekiah, the second son, came about 1907 and settled on Beech Fork also. He was a

minister of the Old Primitive Baptist Church.

The story is that after Berry and Hezekiah settled here, they went to Barboursville, which was then the County Seat, to lay claim to the land they settled. When they reached Barboursville they found that Tommy Ward had already taken title to the land. Tommy Ward was a prospector, and their nearest neighbor. He lived on Tom's Creek near Barboursville. He had land in this region surveyed, got a patent from Virginia, then sold the land. So Berry and Hezekiah bought the land from Ward. The brothers must have divided the land because Hezekiah came into possession of the land from Bowen Creek to what is now the Jim Morrison line, and Berry took the part above the mouth of Steer Branch.

Berry finally moved to Stiltner after giving his land to his sons, Jesse, Little Berry, and Goodwin.

Millington, the third son of Parker and the grandfather of Uncle Hiram (who gave this information) lived and died in Giles County, Va. Millington was the father of Parker Adkins II who fought in the War of 1812, and Andrew Jackson Adkins, who was a Primitive Baptist preacher and a Confederate soldier. Andrew Jackson's children were Monteville, Marion Francis, Overton, Napoleon Bonaparte, Butler, Cynthia (who married a Childress), Andrew Jackson, Millington, Martin and Hiram.

Ison, the fourth son of Parker I came to Beech Fork country, but did not tarry long. He moved to Racine and established a store at Gauley Bridge, others at Jarrell Valley, Short Creek, Pratt and one near Clay Court House. He was also a dealer in furs and ginseng. He bought his merchandise in Philadelphia. Several letters are in possession of a Mrs. Switzer in Huntington, who is the daughter of Letha Adkins Thompson, addressed to his son. Cumberland Adkins of Charleston, W. Va., Kanawha County, who seemed to manage the stores. Ison alleged pulled an Indian's nose off with horse-shoeing pinchers during the Revolutionary War. He finally died in Giles County, Virginia.

Champ, the fifth son, also died in Giles County, Virginia. Nothing much seems to be known about him.

Dave Adkins came from Giles County, Virginia, also, and settled on Mud River. It is not known who his father was, probably related to Parker. He had three sons, Green L., Tommy

and Elliott. Green and Tommy came to Beech Fork and married sisters, grand-daughters of Berry Adkins, the earliest settler.

Green's wife's name was Anna; they had several children who were reared on Raccoon Creek.

Tommy lived below the mouth of Raccoon. He died during the Civil War at Ft. Delaware, New Jersey.

Elliott lived on Trace Fork of Four Mile Creek. He had three sons, Napoleon, David and Ed.

Dave, who settled on Mud River, had three brothers who also came across the mountains from Giles County, Virginia. They were Sherid, Jake, and Mark. Mark was hanged in the Revolutionary War by the British.

Sherid established a mill at East Lynn, which was then called Adkins Mill. This was some time before the Civil War. He had a son named Sherid who lived and died near Branchland.

Jake, it is believed, settled on or near Harts Creek, Lincoln County. His descendants presumably are the Adkinses who live around Harts.

Rube Adkins settled on Four Mile Creek and later moved to Fourteen Mile Creek in Lincoln County.

THE ROYAL BRANCH OF ADKINSES

Information Received from May Adkins Tabor

Jacob Oxford was the son of an English Earl who came to America as an English tax collector. He met and by common-law marriage lived with Mary Adkins who was of Scotch descent and of the same ancestral line of people as Mary, Queen of Scots. In America these Adkinses were known as the Royal Stock because of their relationship to an Earl and a Queen. To Mary and Jacob, three boys were born, whose names were Jake, David, and Sherd. Jake is the only one who lived to manhood. When trouble between the colonies and England began, Jacob Oxford returned to England without his family. At his death he left a large sum of money to his son Jake, who refused to go to England to claim the fortune; instead, after the war, he, with his mother, Mary, came westward and settled in what is now Wayne County on Beechfork Crook. At the time of the Revolutionary War, young Jake was 17 years of age. Jake met and married Phoebe Bratcher. To this union six

children were born. Their oldest son was named Charles, who in later life became blind and was known as "Uncle Blind Charles". He married Polly Scott; their second son was Lewis who married twice, first to a Hunter and the second time to Emmazetta Brumfield. The third son was Hiram, who married Rachel Ross; the fourth child was Mary, who married first a Miller, second a Blankenship and last Reese Harvey Elkins; the fifth child was Nancy, who married Tommy Gilkerson; and the sixth child was Jake, Jr., who married Dicie Adkins.

Uncle Blind Charles was the forefather of the Jones Adkins' and Girard Adkins' families on Beechfork; of Aunt Lucinda Gilkerson for whom a church is named; of a daughter, Adeline, who went to Portland, Oregon; and a son, Peter, who moved to Minnesota.

Lewis Adkins, who settled on Mud River, had nine sons who are the forefathers of many Lincoln County Adkinses. His one daughter was Minis E. Ketchum's grandmother.

Jake Adkins, Jr., settled on the left fork of Twelve Pole near the mouth of Lick Creek and his descendants are still in that region. "Preacher" Pete Adkins was a great grandson of Jake, Jr.

Hiram Adkins stayed on Beechfork and many of his descendants still live there. "Bold" (Isaac) Adkins married one of Hiram's daughters, and Uncle "High" (Hiram) Adkins was a son. Both leave many descendants who still live in that area.

The well known ministers, Paris B. Adkins (now deceased) and Harvey Adkins were grandsons of Hiram. A sister of Paris and Harvey married Hezekiah (Red Kiah) Adkins, who was clerk of Wayne County Court for many years.

Another Hiram Adkins, known to his many friends and relations as "Indian Heel" is a grandson and namesake of Hiram's.

The descendants of the Royal Stock have intermarried with many of the other Adkinses and leave many descendants who are almost "pure". They are well-scattered over West Virginia and many other states.

EARLY ADKINSES OF MUD RIVER

Information obtained from Roy D. and Ella Adkins of Midkiff and Mrs. Wiser Adkins of Branchland, Route 3

Luke Adkins, Sr., seems to have been one of the earliest settlers on Mud River. He probably was related to those who came to other parts

of Lincoln County and possibly to those who settled in Wayne County. It is thought that his father might have been Dave Adkins, who has been mentioned earlier. His sons were Luke, Jr., John, Golsberry, Mark, Tom, Green, and Lafayette.

Luke, Jr. married Sarah Lovejoy, and had four sons, William, Dick, Ham, and Anderson. William had no children. It is known that Dick had one son named Duke, and several daughters. He moved to Kanawha County, to what is now known as the South Hills section of Charleston. It is believed that some of his children and grandchildren still live there. The writer could not find any record of Ham's children. Anderson's sons were Riland, Wootson, Erastus, Floyd, who died young, and Zatto. Riland's sons were William and Clyde. He also moved to Kanawha County and reared his family there. Wootson's sons were Watt and Buel. He lived the most of his life, with the exception of some time spent in the United States Army during one of the Indian uprisings, in the West, on Fez Creek in Lincoln County. Zatto's sons were Roy D., Edwin, Zatto, Jr., Everett, Albert, Okey, Randolph, and Tootsie. There were several daughters also in this family, one of which married a Rev. Mullens and now lives in the Pea Ridge section of Huntington; Ella, another daughter, married Coonie Adkins of Guyan River and now lives at Midkiff.

Erastus moved to Barboursville when a young man and spent most of his life there. The names of his children were not available at this writing but they still live in or around Barboursville. Anderson also had two daughters, Chloe, who married a Cummings, and Mitilda who married Charles Miller.

John, the second son of Luke, Jr., married Lovey Plumley. He had five sons and two daughters, Andy, Keenan, Mark, Matthias, Kate, and Sarah. John was killed during the Civil War by a group of men who were trying to take his horses by force to sell to the Confederate Army. It was thought at the time that they were Confederate soldiers out on a foraging expedition, but it was later learned that they were just plain horse thieves. Golsberry, the brother of John, was also shot during this event and carried a bullet in his neck the remainder of his life. Andrew, the grandfather of the writer of this brochure, and the son of John, was also present during the ordeal, but escaped by running through some heavy

underbrush. This event took place on Mud River near Sias. Andrew's children were Tilman, Oliver, Wiser, the father of the writer, James, John Oley, Eliza, Louie, Greely, Henry, Rhoda, and Minnie. Keenan's children were Milton, Fred, Scott, Luvena, and Lelia. Jim's children were Dietz, Moss, Walker, Ambrose, and Doss. Mark's children were Samp, Liken, Floyd, and a daughter Cinda. Matthias had only one son, Ulysses, and two daughters named Flora and Minnie.

Golsberry's sons were Martin, Elliott, Ira, and Golza. All of these reared their families and lived their lives around Sias, in Lincoln County. Martin's sons were Saverie, Elliott, Berry, and Martin, Jr. Elliott, the second son of Golsberry fought in the Civil War in the Union Army. His sons were Golza, and Elijah, who still lives at the old home place, and is a minister of the Missionary Baptist Church.

Ira's children were Roy, Don, Ulysses, Hal and Matthias. Golza, the youngest son of Golsberry had only one son, Lucian, and a daughter named Effie; both are now in Detroit, Michigan.

Tom and Green, the fourth and fifth sons of Luke, Jr., went to Wayne County while young and married two Adkins sisters who lived there. It is not known whether this is the same Tom and Green mentioned earlier in this brochure or not. Lafayette, the sixth son of Luke, Jr., had four sons, Tom, Green, Roland, and Samp. It is believed that Mark, the second son of Luke, Jr., married Katy Lovejoy and that his children were Josh, Dave, and a daughter named Mary Ann who married a Ferguson in Wayne County. It is thought that she was probably the maternal ancestor of some of the Fergusons who still live in Wayne County. Josh's sons were Sig, Tolbert, Burl, and Mog.

Most of the descendants of Luke, Jr., have remained on Mud River, and yet many have moved to the surrounding counties of West Virginia and to several other states in the union.

Wiser, the son of Andrew, lived on Fez Creek of Mud River. His children are Walter, who married Fannie Adkins of the Sherri Adkins group; Millard, who never married; Ted, who married Eva Toppings; Anna, who married Norman Blankenship; Elza, who married Opal Cummings; Estelle, who married Roy D. Hill, divorced, and Edward Harris; Lula who married Charles Young; Dewey who married Zoma Pauley; Golza B., the writer of this brochure, who married Leona Ward; Cathrine, who married Frank Adkins

of Guyan River; and Mauna Fae, who married Dr. George W. Walden of West Hamlin.

ANCESTORS AND FAMILY OF RICHARD ADKINS

Information gathered from Virginia Savage of Huntington and Martha Osborn who lives in Wayne County.

Richard was the son of Lemach who was the son of Billy, who was the son of Hezekiah, who was the son of Parker, who was one of the first to settle on Beech Fork. Lemach married Christina Adkins who was the daughter of Archibald and Polly Adkins; Archibald and Polly lived on a 370-acre tract of land on Ruben Branch of Beech Fork; some of the descendants of this line still live at the hold home place.

Richard married Adeline Midkiff. Their children are Evalenah, who married J. D. Keller; Christina Elizabeth, who married Oliver Spurlock; Lemach, who seems to have died young; Amelia, who married a Spurlock; Harriett, who married Dyke Childers; Cynthia who married a Ferguson; Noah, who died in infancy; Anna who married Fulton Adkins; Nella, who married Freeland Adkins. Her children were Lillian, who married a Bowen; Carlos; Eugene who is connected with the Wayne County Bank; and Verlin. Hester, another daughter of Richard, married Oscar Booten; her children are Reba, who married Wade Davidson; Emogene, who married a Carson; and Stancel. Martha, yet another daughter of Richard, married Sanders Osborn; her children are Hartzel. Desmond, Anna, Adeline, Floyd, Myrtle, Jimmy, Hester, Thornton, and Viola.

MILLARD, EUSTACE, CLIFFORD, CHARLES W., HOMER M., AND ELIJAH ADKINS

Information Gathered by Questionnaires

Millard Adkins of Hamlin is the son of John Samuel Adkins. His uncles were James, Rolf, and Alford. His grandfather was Richard, whose brothers were John T., and Sylvester. Millard's great-grandfather was Randolph. His paternal grandmother was Lucinda Drake, whose father was Jimmy Drake, who was related to Sir Frances Drake.

Eustace Adkins of Ceredo, the Vice President of the Ceredo National Bank, is the son of Chapman Adkins. His brothers are Boyd, deceased, Elba, Chapman, and Edgar. His uncles were Edward and Elisha; his grandfather was

Attison and his great-uncles were Harvey and Calvary Adkins.

Clifford Adkins of Crestmont Drive, Huntington, is the son of Richard, who lived at Ranger, Lincoln County, and later moved to Cabell County. His brothers are Grover, deceased, Minos, Frank, Willard, and Earnest. His uncles were Evermont, Robert, Anderville, Hansford, Caperton, Spencer, and Sampson. His grandfather was Lewis Adkins; great-grandfather was Jacob Adkins who is mentioned earlier in this brochure as being of the Royal Branch of the Adkinses.

Charles W. Adkins of Columbus, Ohio, is the son of William Atkins. His brothers are George, Arnold, and Leslie Atkins; his uncles, Henry, and Charles Peter; his grandfather was William A. Adkins, who served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War and was captured by the Northern Army and died in a prison camp at Columbus. It was while searching through the Confederate cemetery there that Charles W. found William's marker and learned that he was his grandfather. This same William A. Adkins was the great-grandfather of Charles A. who is a member of the Planning Committee for the Adkins reunion and who is a member of the Huntington City Council. William A. Adkins, the father of Charles W., changed his name from Adkins to Atkins in order to keep his mail from getting mixed up with another William Adkins.

Probably one of the most noted of the Adkins clan is Homer M. Adkins of Little Rock, Arkansas. He is the grandson of Thomas M. Adkins who was born in York District, South Carolina in 1840, moved to Arkansas when a boy and enlisted in the Confederate Army in Little Rock.

Homer's personal history is as follows: He was born at Jacksonville, Arkansas near Little

Rock on October 15, 1890; was educated in Little Rock Public Schools. He served in World War One, two years, six months of which were spent in France. He enlisted as a Private and was discharged a Captain. Was elected Sheriff and Collector of Pulaskie County, Arkansas, in 1922, served four years. He served four years as a member of the City Council of Little Rock from 1929 to 1933. He was appointed United States Collector of Internal Revenue by President Roosevelt and served seven years, resigning in 1940 to run for Governor of Arkansas. He was elected and served four years as Governor from 1941 to 1944. He was appointed Administrator, Employment Security Division from 1950 to 1953. In recent years he has been engaged in the Adkins-Phelps Seed Company, and farming.

Elijah Adkins, the maternal great-grandfather of the writer, was one of the early ministers of the Missionary Baptist Church of Beechfork and surrounding country; he was the son of Hezekiah, the earliest settler. Elijah was also a teacher in the Beechfork area; he was elected and served in the General Assembly of Virginia in 1845 and 1846, representing both Cabell and Wayne Counties. This fact is recorded in "A Register of the General Assembly of Virginia", 1777-1918, by Earl G. Swem. Elijah contracted to build a road from Virginia to what is now West Virginia just prior to the Civil War. After some work on the road had begun, the Civil War broke out; construction was stopped, and before he could collect money due him from Virginia, West Virginia became a state and Elijah never collected his money. It is thought that he lost about forty thousand dollars on the venture. He leaves many descendants in the tri-state region, many of whom have been mentioned earlier in this brochure.

CABELL COUNTY MARRIAGES

Isaac Atkins married Betsy Atkins	April 6, 1811
Nancy Adkins married John Barrett	1811
Christina Adkins married David Fry	1820
Mark Adkins married Caty Lovejoy	1820
Edward Adkins married Gincy Bartram	May 24, 1821
Hezekiah Adkins married Nancy Spears	December 25, 1819
John Adkins married Christina Adkins	June 3, 1819
Elias Adkins married Susannah Fry	November 25, 1819
Archibald Adkins married Polly Adkins	April 27, 1820
Hezekiah Adkins married Sally Childers	January 11, 1821

Charles Adkins married Polly Skott	December 9, 1821
Mary Adkins married Frederick Miller	February 14, 1822
Jacob Adkins married Dicy Adkins	September 19, 1822
Isaiah Adkins married Nancy Bowen	December 26, 1822
Jane Adkins married Henry Epling	July 21, 1823
John Adkins married Betsy Childers	June 14, 1827
Isom Adkins married Polly Miller	January 2, 1827
Alexander Adkins married Sally Bragg	1827
Westa Adkins married Elliott Rutherford	September 26, 1826
Parker Adkins married Jane Holt	1827
Jacob Adkins married Catherine Fermatt	1827
Rebecca Adkins married Joseph Runion	1827
Lidia Adkins married Darby K. Elkins	October 18, 1829
Hamilton Adkins married Jane Lovejoy	August 30, 1828
William Adkins married	1829
Richard Adkins married Mrs. Lucinda Hunter	June 5, 1828
Enoch Adkins married Margaret Stokes	July 23, 1829
Margaret Adkins married George Adkins	July 30, 1829
Sherod Adkins married Abigail Johnson	July 25, 1832
Hiram Adkins married Rachall Ross	September 13, 1832
Motley L. Adkins married Edmund Ferguson	April 1, 1831
Francis Adkins married Winny Stanley	1832
Price Adkins married Elizabeth Cremeans	December 27, 1832
Serena Adkins married Perry Johnson	June 2, 1833
Randolph Adkins married Polly Johnson	September 19, 1833
Rhoda Adkins married Merritt Johnson	October 6, 1834
Jane Adkins married Thomas Boothe	February 7, 1833
Nancy B. Adkins married John Swan	March 28, 1833
Goulder Adkins married Cynthia Lovejoy	May 11, 1837
Judith Adkins married Lewis Smith	October 16, 1837
Demsy Adkins married Squire Johnston	February 21, 1838
Wayne Adkins married Betsy Holton	October 15, 1837
Betty Adkins married James Bias	December 7, 1837
Sylvester Adkins married Elizabeth Lucas	November 1, 1838
Susan Adkins married John Cummings	February 28, 1839
Luke Adkins married Cynthia Smith	May 20, 1838
Jane Adkins married James Cole	July 6, 1836
Henry Adkins married Polly Ferguson	December 8, 1836
Lucinda Adkins married Morris Gilkerson	March 23, 1839
Millington Adkins married Clarrisa Gilkerson	November 13, 1840
Samuel Adkins married Susannah Sims	October 6, 1840
John Adkins married Elizabeth Smith	February 25, 1836
Elizabeth Adkins married Benjamin Childers	April 1, 1831
Martin Adkins married Mary Susan Gipson	September 25, 1841
Henry Adkins married Frances Cooper	October 15, 1840
Hulda Adkins married Adam Cummings	November 11, 1841
Joseph Adkins married Margaret Bragg	January 21, 1842
Henderson Adkins married Isabell Adkins	November 26, 1840
Elijah Adkins married Malisse Curtis	February 13, 1843
John G. Adkins married Nancy Tooley	December 7, 1843
Lafayette Adkins married Catherine Plumley	April 3, 1845
William D. Adkins married Ann Douglas	January 16, 1845
Andres J. Adkins married Sarah Adkins	December 3, 1846
Catherine Adkins married Isaac Plumley	February 18, 1847
John T. Adkins married Nancy Dial	April 13, 1848

Mahala Adkins married John Smith	January 2, 1847
Timothy Adkins married Mary Holton	January 23, 1847
Drusilla Adkins married James Johnson	October 29, 1848
Anderson Adkins married Sarah Adkins	August 1, 1850
Parker Adkins married Elizabeth Midkiff	January 11, 1849
Hamilton Adkins married Belinda Pierson	August 16, 1851
Malissa J. married Elisha Collins	December 12, 1851
Nanny Adkins married Wellington G. Kennison	July 10, 1851
Elizabeth Adkins married Robert Ross	June 18, 1840
Evermont Adkins married Angeline Morrison	May 5, 1852
Alfred Adkins married Lucetha Morrison	December 25, 1852

CONCLUSION

As was stated in the Forward of this brochure, the material used here has been gathered from time to time, and the compilation has been made in the same order. No formal continuity has been attempted, and with the information obtained, proper sequence would be difficult to follow. It is felt that a complete history of the Adkins family in the tri-state area would be a laborious task; most of the older Adkinses who might have known more about the earliest settlers in detail have long since passed away, leaving little information other than that handed down by word of mouth.

The writer wishes to apologize to the families who have not been mentioned. It was the belief in the beginning of this compilation that information could be obtained from every Clan, but as time drew near for its completion, it was learned that such a task would almost be impossible.

As the reader will have no doubt noted, only the men, with exception of a very few women of the family, have been mentioned. Then, too, only a very few of the later generation were included. It was thought that the

history of the earlier settlers would serve the interest of the reader.

In conclusion, the Adkins family might be compared to the course of a large river. To ascertain this information a group of men might be sent out to investigate; one man might approach the river where it flows directly northward, his mind would be made up to the extent that he might think the river flows northward; another might approach the river where it flows directly southward; another westward; and so on. But their opinion of the river would not change its true course. It might actually flow directly southwesterly. And only if one followed its course from its beginning to its ending could he know its direction. So it is with the Adkins family: the criteria for appraisal might be based upon only one member of the family, or one group, and that appraisal might be good or bad; but as a whole, the writer feels that the Adkins family can take its place alongside the best that this country affords as being conscientious American citizenry. The family has done its share in the founding of this country as a nation, and has aided much in the growth of the nation.

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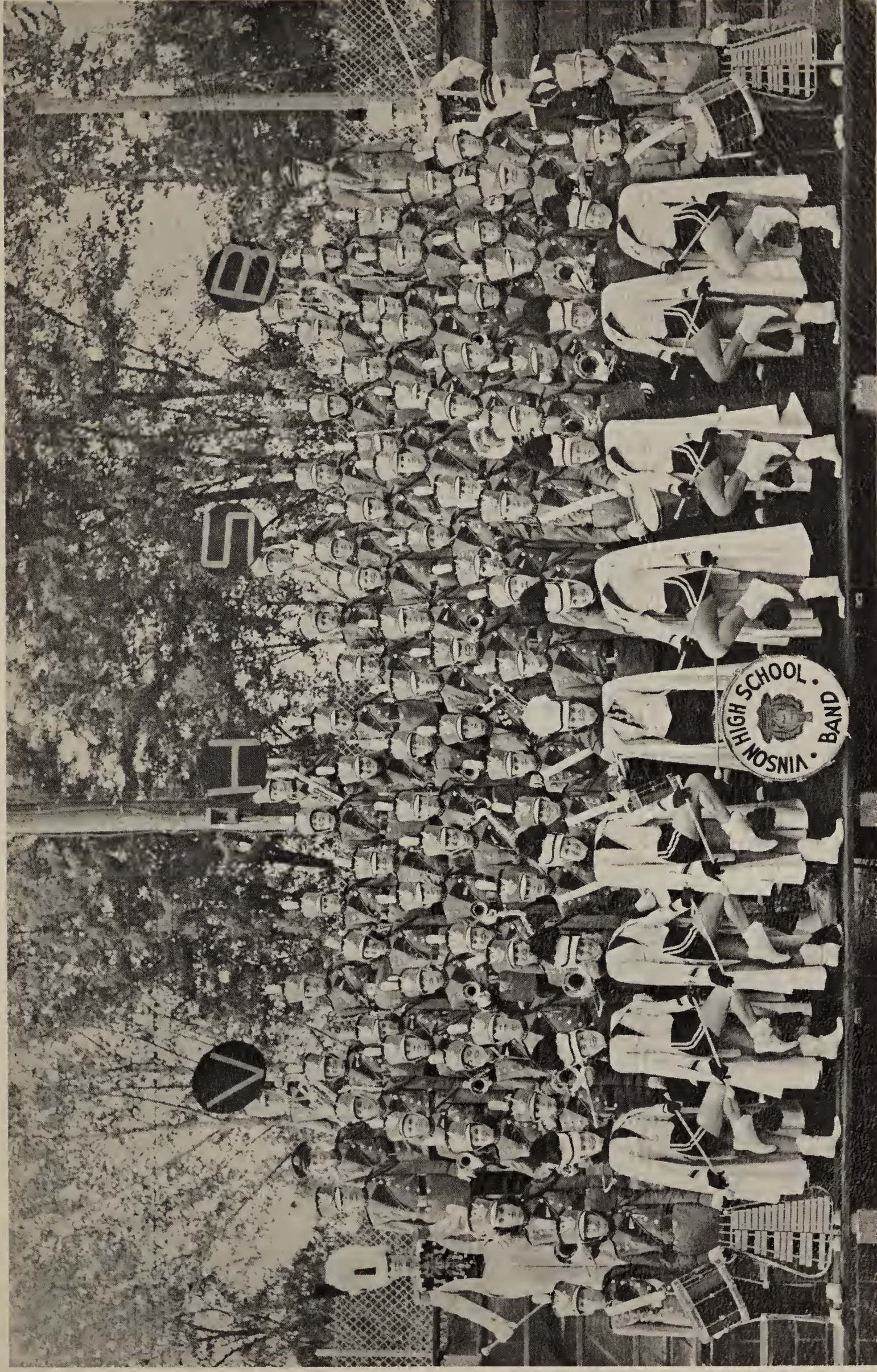
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